IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.238 OF 2007
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.201 OF 2007

Deepak Gopinath Chandane ...Applicant.

Versus

State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr.Niranjan Mundargi, Adv. for Applicant.
Mr.Rajesh More, APP, for State.

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CORAM : SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.

DATED : 12th March, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant-orig.accused No.1 and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant-orig.accused No.1 has been convicted under Sections 467, 468, 479, 477 A, 409 read with Section 120-B of IPC and under Sections 13(2) read with 13(1)(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The applicant was sentenced to suffer R.I. for seven years and to pay fine of Rs.2 lakhs on two counts and R.I. for five years and fine of Rs.1 lakh on one count. The applicant is now seeking bail.

3. The applicant was an Accountant working with the Railway board. Mr.Mundargi, the learned Advocate for the Applicant has submitted that the alleged offences were committed during the year 1990-1991 and 1991-1992. The applicant was on bail during the trial and he has not misused the liberty granted to him. This statement is not controverted by the prosecution. The learned Advocate for the applicant has further pointed that the co-accused i.e.accused No.6 Savkar Dhondiba Gunjal and accused No.2 Nivrutti Sitaram Yewale who have been similarly convicted and sentenced have been granted bail by this Court. Hence, he has prayed that the applicant may be released on bail.

4. Looking to all these facts, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail on the fine amount being paid.

5. On fine amount being paid, the applicant to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties to make up the said amount.

6. Application is disposed of accordingly.

(SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.)